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AG: NO CONSPIRACY WITH RUSSIA

Barr-released summary does not conclude if Trump obstructed justice

By Devlin Barrett and Matt Zapotosky
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller did not find that Donald Trump's campaign or any of his associates conspired with Russia in its efforts to interfere in the 2016 election, according to a summary of findings sent to lawmakers Sunday.

"The Special Counsel's investigation did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election," the four-page summary by Attorney General William P. Barr said.

On whether the president might have sought to obstruct the high-profile investigation, Mueller's team did not offer a definitive answer.

"The Special Counsel ... did not draw a conclusion — one way or the other — as to whether the examined conduct constituted obstruction," Barr's letter said.

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President Donald Trump speaks to the media before boarding Air Force One on Sunday in West Palm Beach. He declared he had been completely exonerated after the summary's release.

FLORIDA GOP CROWS, DEMS SNARL OVER FINDINGS

By Steven Lemongello
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Florida officeholders were quick to react Sunday to U.S. Attorney General William Barr's summary of special counsel Robert Mueller's report into his investigation of President Donald Trump.

Barr's summary of the report, which was delivered to the attorney general's office Friday but

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Bipartisan support for sentencing reform bills

GOP and Dems passed bills at federal level. Will Tallahassee follow?

By Skyler Swisher
South Florida Sun Sentinel

TALLAHASSEE – Dexter Gunn first went to prison in the 1980s when the crack cocaine epidemic raged in South Florida's poor and mostly black neighborhoods.

Jeff Brandes is a Republican state senator from Pinellas County who served in the Iraq War.

Both agree Florida's criminal justice system isn't working the way it should. Both want to see changes made this legislative session that would move the state away from hard-line mandatory minimum sentences and give judges more flexibility.

"The state has over 100 different mandatory minimums, and we catch all kinds of dolphins in the tuna net," Brandes said while explaining his reform bill earlier this month. "It is just amazing to see how damaging no discretion to judges is in this process."

It's one area in America's fractured political environment where some common ground can be found. Amid partisan fighting over immigration, Republicans and Democrats in Washington

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The cruise ship Viking Sky arrives at port in Molde, Norway.

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EAST REGION - SECOND ROUND DUKE 77, UCF 76

'HEARTBREAK'

Basketball gods may have robbed UCF of a victory over Duke, but Knights still shine in national spotlight

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Dayon Griffin and Collin Smith (No. 35) of the UCF Knights react after being defeated by the Duke Blue Devils in the second-round game of the 2019 NCAA Tournament in Columbia, S.C.

COMMENTARY

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Sentinel Columnist

COLUMBIA, S.C. – All of the ups and downs and twists and turns and cheers and tears, and, yet, this unbelievable, inconceivable game comes down to sheer, unadulterated dumb luck.

How does Aubrey Dawkins' potential game-winning tip-in not go in?

How in the wide, wide world of sports does the ball hang on the rim for what Dawkins described as an "eternity" — just hanging there as if agonizingly deciding whether to knock invincible, dynastic Duke out of the tournament — before trickling off the rim and literally bringing UCF players tearfully to their knees?

"Heartbreak," said a dejected Dawkins after a spectacular 32-point performance during UCF's hair-raising, nail-biting 77-76 loss Sunday to top-seeded Duke. "When you invest this much in it, it just breaks your heart."

The Knights did everything they could to take down the tournament's No. 1 overall seed and become the ultimate giant-killers. Everything, that is, except convince Lady Luck to give them that one final roll of the ball — twice.

B.J. Taylor drove to the basket and put up a floater that nearly went in before rolling off the rim. That's when Dawkins came flying in for the potential game-winning tip that would

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■ **INSIDE:** Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski calls UCF's Aubrey Dawkins best player on court Sunday. **C1**

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Victor Thomas' football career was over after Thomas was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

MS ended his athletic career, but he persevered

UCF junior had a football scholarship to Navy before diagnosis

By Stephen Ruiz
Orlando Sentinel

With a test paper in front of him, Victor Thomas is prone to pausing, searching for the answer.

It is not that Thomas does not know the material. A junior majoring in mechanical engineering at UCF, he is taking 15 hours a week and likes to challenge himself academically so much that his one elective is a class on computer logic and organization.

So why won't the answers come so readily? Multiple sclerosis.

"I sit there and take a deep breath, and I remember, 'I got this,'" Thomas said. "Sometimes it's just that little moment that opens my mind again, and I can do what I know I can do."

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society estimates that nearly 1 million people in the U.S. are affected by MS, which compromises the central nervous system and has no known cure.

At the time of Thomas' diagnosis last year, he was a defensive end on Navy's football team intent on moving up the depth chart, serving in the military and becoming a naval chaplain. He is no longer an athlete, unable to play the sport that helped mold him for more than half his life.

'There was a big, almost a sigh of relief and a peace that overcame me," Thomas said of learning he had MS. "It was tough still, but I understood that God was doing something bigger in my life that I didn't understand at that point but has started to become a lot clearer now."

Thomas played sparingly at Navy, entering two games on spe-

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